

Thank you, Ed, for your decades of impressive service to the great State of Utah. You have set a robust example for public servants to follow in our financial, housing, and banking communities. We wish you and your family all the best in your next chapter.●

TRIBUTE TO RYAN COCHRAN-SIEGLE

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, the State of Vermont is remarkably proud of Ryan Cochran-Siegle, who won a silver medal at the Winter Olympics in Beijing in the men's super-G. This achievement is specially impressive considering it occurred just 13 months after Ryan underwent surgery to repair a broken neck. His comeback is truly remarkable.

It is not merely his success that Vermont honors, but the history of his family. Family is important in our State, which values community and continuity—both of which are embodied in family. Families—people who are linked by a shared home life, by a closeness to one another, by a mutual supportiveness—are at the heart of what our small State is about.

Ryan's mother, Barbara Ann, won the gold medal in Slalom at the Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, in 1972, nearly 50 years to the day before her son's medal. Barbara Ann was Ryan's first ski teacher, and he learned where she did: at the small, family operated, nonprofit Cochran's Ski Area in Richmond, VT.

Cochran's was founded by Barbara Ann's parents, Mickey and Ginny Cochran, who were a remarkable pair of people. Mickey, who would become the alpine director of the U.S. National Ski Team, was not himself a champion skier, but an engineer and former University of Vermont football player, who valued family—and eventually skiing—above all else. Likewise, Ginny was dedicated to family and skiing. When they first established Cochran's Ski Area, it was a small, backyard operation. Today, it has grown into a center where generations of Vermont school children could learn to ski, still located on the small family hill.

Ginny and Mickey had four children, Barbara Ann, Marilyn, Bob, and Lindy. All were champion skiers and made the U.S. Olympic Team.

Among their many other skiing accomplishments, Marilyn Cochran Brown was a national champion three times, Bob Cochran was the first American man to win a World Cup in giant slalom, and Lindy Cochran Kelley won national slalom titles and was All American at University of Vermont—and, of course, Barbara Ann, Olympic slalom gold medalist and two-time national champion.

That tradition of family skiing excellence continued into the next generation, Mickey and Ginny's grandchildren. Lindy's children, Jessica Kelley, Tim Kelley, and Robby Kelley, all raced on the U.S. National Ski

Team and all competed in World Cup races. Robby was the U.S. National Giant Slalom champion.

Two of Bob's children were skiers: Jimmy Cochran, who won the U.S. Slalom competition three times and competed in the Olympic games; and Amy Cochran, a successful collegiate racer. Marilyn's son Roger Brown was on the U.S. Ski Team, winning the 2002 Slalom championship and her son Doug Brown was on the varsity ski team at St. Lawrence University. Together with two of their cousins, Doug and Roger have gone on to found another Cochran family business, Slopeside Syrup and Untapped. And of course, Barbara Ann's son, two-time Olympian and one-time silver medalist Ryan Cochran-Siegle, who has also also competed in the World Cup.

Clearly, the impact of the Cochran family is not only their world-class skiing. Cochran's Ski Area is a bright spot in making skiing accessible and fun for all Vermonters. As a nonprofit, they welcome children from across the region to learn in a safe, judgement-free environment where the love of the sport is what matters, not the brand of your gear. The "Skiing Cochrans" are truly a Vermont legacy.

"Bravo!"●

RECOGNIZING MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I wish to honor the Miller School District staff and students, first responders, and all community members who contributed to the successful emergency evacuation of Miller School and Hand-in-Hand Daycare.

On what seemed to be a typical morning in Miller, SD, on February 2, 2022, an explosion and fire suddenly took place in the Miller High School.

A potentially devastating situation was thankfully prevented by the swift actions of the Miller School District teachers and staff. Miller superintendent Dr. Charlene Crosswait, junior/senior high school principal Steve Schumacher, elementary school principal Drake Bachmeier, Mr. Mark Ketelhut, and the teachers and staff efficiently executed the evacuation plan, ultimately saving the lives of all 447 students from kindergarteners through the senior graduating class of 2022.

I would like to commend the teachers and staff members for their diligent training, emergency preparation planning, and quick action to lead students to safety. I would also like to recognize each and every student for their attentiveness and exceptional conduct in an emergency situation. Because of the rapid response, every child and staff member made it out safe and unharmed. I would also like to commend Hand-in-Hand Daycare Center located adjacent to the school for safely evacuating all staff and children.

In emergency situations like this, while people are moving swiftly to get to safety, heroic emergency responders

are always there running toward the blaze. The well-coordinated response from Hand County emergency manager Arlen Gortmaker, volunteer firefighters from Miller, Ree Heights, and Wessington Fire Departments, and first responders from Hand County and the city of Miller who secured the area and extinguished the fire deserve recognition. The first responders endured hours of freezing temperatures, frozen pump lines, and weather challenges with equipment. These hard-working, generous volunteers, and workers have big hearts and show up relentlessly under all circumstances to ensure the safety and well-being of others. Thank you to all of our firefighters and first responders for all you do.

In true South Dakota fashion, the entire community pulled together. Despite fire and smoke damage, which made the school inaccessible, thanks to the compassionate generosity of St. Ann's Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the Community Church of St. Lawrence, students will be able to utilize facilities to complete the rest of their school year. Sunshine Bible Academy has offered their gym for Miller Rustler basketball team practices and games. Communities across South Dakota have been reaching out to offer support and assistance. I am proud to be part of a State that strongly believes in joining together to help friends and neighbors through tough times. The buildings need work, but they can be repaired. Most importantly, everyone made it home safely to their families and the community remains strong and resilient.

I commend the entire Miller community for their excellent response to the emergency at the Miller School. The true spirit of our State shines brightly in Miller, SD.●

REMEMBERING KAREN FERGUSON

● Ms. WARREN. Madam President, today is the birthday of Karen Ferguson, a tireless advocate for retirement security, who sadly passed away in December. She started a movement for improved worker's rights and better pensions. Forty-six years ago today, she founded the Pension Rights Center in aid of that effort. As recently as this past March, Karen's impact can be seen in the passage of the Butch Lewis Act, which helps protect the benefits of workers and retirees in multiemployers plans. We are deeply grateful for Karen's work and can honor her legacy by continuing to fight so that everyone can retire with dignity and security.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4521. An act to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure